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SUBJ: TURKISH WEEKEND PRESS ROUNDUP

1. GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS DOMINATED MEDIA COVERAGE OVER THE WEEKEND AS PAPERS CONTINUED TO STRESS U.S. ARMS SALES TO GREECE.

2. TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, HURRIYET REPORTED THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST OF SIXTH A-7H AIRCRAFT TO GREECE UNDER A FIVE COLUMN HEADLINE ACROSS THE CENTERSPREAD. THE HEADLINE ASSERTED: "TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY WARPLANES TO BE DELIVERED TO GREECE BY END OF 1977"; "GREEK AIRMEN TRAINED IN AMERICA" AND "GREEKS' AIM IS TO IMMOBILIZE ENEMY."

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THE STORY, DATELINED DALLAS, GAVE DETAILS OF U.S. MILITARY

AID TO GREECE AND QUOTED U.S. AND GREEK OFFICERS AS SAYING GREECE WOULD BE "ANOTHER ISRAEL BY 1978" WITH THE CAPACITY "TO ANNIHILATE THE ENEMY IMMEDIATELY."

3. ALL PAPERS GAVE HEAVY PLAY OVER THE WEEKEND TO THE STORY THAT THE GREEK ARMY STOLE FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF MILITARY MATERIAL FROM THE SUDA BAY INSTALLATION ON CRETE DURING THE CYPRUS EVENTS LAST YEAR. A PENTAGON SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO REPLACE THE "LOST" MATERIAL.

4. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NECMETTIN ERBAKAN IS QUOTED IN ALL PAPERS AS HAVING TOLD A WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT THAT "TURKEY MAY CHANGE THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE WORLD IF THE ARMS EMBARGO CONTINUES AND AMERICA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD TURKEY DOES NOT CHANGE." HE ADDED THAT TURKEY "MAY PROCURE ARMS FROM WHATEVER SOURCES, INCLUDING THE SOVIET UNION." HE SAID THAT THE CYPRUS PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED, POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS A "GRAVE MISTAKE" FOR THE UNITED STATES TO HAVE BECOME INVOLVED. TURKEY CANNOT, HE SAID, STAND BY AND WATCH THE AMERICAN EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE BALANCE IN GREECE'S FAVOR BY SUPPLYING HER WITH ARMS. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE BASES, HE SAID THE "AMERICANS ARE LIKE TOURISTS. TO SEND THEM AWAY WOULD BE LIKE SENDING AWAY TOURISTS."

5. IN OTHER COVERAGE THE LIBERAL-REFORMIST DAILY MILLIYET QUOTED PRESIDENT FAHRI KORUTURK AS SAYING, ON HIS RETURN FROM A TOUR OF THE BLACK SEA REGION, THAT "TURKEY WILL PROTECT HER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES DESPITE THE LIMITED, OR UNLIMITED, EMBARGO WHICH IS NOT BEFITTING AN ALLIANCE, FRIENDSHIP OR EVEN NORMAL RELATIONS."  
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